

ESTABLISHING ABORIGINALITY AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STATUS - APPLICATION FORM



This application form is for persons seeking access to specific programs of study, student services or study opportunities available to Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons within the University. As outlined in Section 3 of the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander – Establishing Status within the University Policy an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person means any person who:

- is of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent;
- identifies as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person; and
- is accepted as such by the community in which you live or have lived.

To establish Aboriginality and/or Torres Strait Islander status you must submit this form together with supporting documentation as per Section 3 of the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander - Establishing Status within the University Procedure. Please complete the checklist provided to ensure all supporting documentation is submitted with this application form.

Current student applicants will apply to establish Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status through the Student Portal of the University's Customer Relationship Management (CRM). Future student applicants will apply to establish Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status through this establishing status application form, which should be submitted via email to PVCIndigenous@newcastle.edu.au with supporting documentation.

PERSONAL DETAILS			
First Name:		Last Name:	
Previous Name: (if applicable)			
Date of Birth:		Student Number (if known):	
Address:			
State:		Postcode:	
Phone (Home):		Mobile:	
Email Address:		Date:	

Supporting documentation

Persons seeking to establish Aboriginality and or Torres/Strait Islander Status within the University will be required to provide evidence to demonstrate that they meet the following criteria:

a. That they are of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent;

This may be proven by:

- A letter signed by an executive leader of an incorporated Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation, who has the authority to administer confirmation of Aboriginality and/or Torres Strait Islander status, on the organisations letterhead (please also see Clause 8 of the procedure) (NB: While not limited as the only documentation accepted, a confirmation of Aboriginality document from a Local Aboriginal Land Council or Aboriginal Medical Service is considered a community standard); or
- Evidence of an immediate family member's confirmation of Aboriginality and/or Torres Strait Islander Status and the applicants birth records to demonstrate relationship link. Immediate family members include biological parents, or grandparents.

b. That they identify as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person;

This may be proven by completing the section below.

I identify as:

- ☐ Australian Aboriginal;
- ☐ Torres Strait Islander; or
- ☐ Both Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

c. That they are accepted as such by the community in which they live or have lived.

This may be proven by:

- A letter signed by a prominent member of an incorporated Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation, on the organisations letterhead.

Checklist of supporting documentation

Please use this checklist to ensure all supporting documentation is provided.

a. I am of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.

I have provided the following supporting documentation:

- ☐ A letter signed by an executive leader of an incorporated Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation, who has the authority to administer confirmation of Aboriginality and/or Torres Strait Islander status, on the organisations letterhead (please also see Clause 8 of the procedure) (NB: While not limited as the only documentation accepted, a confirmation of Aboriginality document from a Local Aboriginal Land Council or Aboriginal Medical Service is considered a community standard); or
- ☐ Evidence of an immediate family member's confirmation of Aboriginality and/or Torres Strait Islander Status and the applicants birth records to demonstrate relationship link. Immediate family members include biological parents, or grandparents.

b. I identify as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person.

- ☐ I have completed the self-identification on page 1 of this form

c. I am accepted as such by the community in which they live or have lived

I have provided:

- ☐ A letter signed by a prominent member of an incorporated Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation, on the organisations letterhead.

I confirm, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided above is true and correct.

Applicant Name:..... Signature:..... Date:.....

Confirmation documents provided by the applicant and associated records will be held on file in accordance with the Records Governance Policy.

Please return via email to the Office of Indigenous Strategy and Leadership

PVCIndigenous@newcastle.edu.au